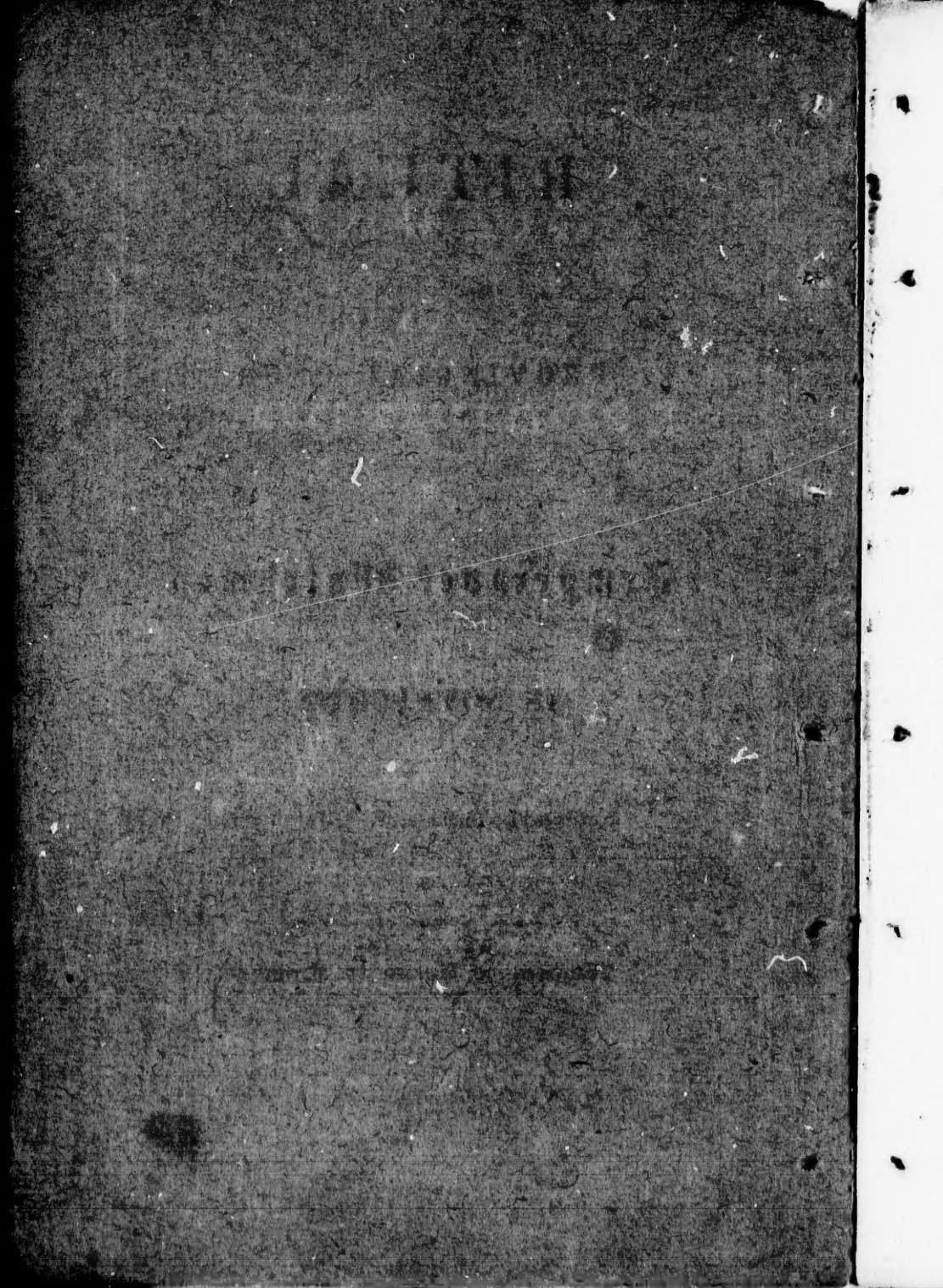


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OPENING SERVICE.

(At the appointed hour, the P. S. O. takes the chair, and calls to order.)

P. S. O. Prov. Worthy Brothers, the cause of Temperance still demands the united efforts of its friends. Suffering Humanity calls upon us to assume our deliberations. Let us therefore strive after progress. Let us yield to those demands and respond to those calls by entering upon the discharge of our duty with zeal and fidelity.

Bro. P. M., Are all present Prov. Watchmen?

P. M. ascertains and reports.

P. S. O. Bro. M. will report if any officers are absent. Vacancies filled by the chair.

P. S. O. calls up.

P. S. O. Prov. Worthy Brothers, we are invested with the control of our beloved order in this Province. Heavy responsibilities devolve upon us. The prosperity of the order,—the success of the cause of Temperance—the present and future happiness of our country, and the glory of our Creator, depend in some measure upon our deliberations. Let us therefore weigh well our

solemn obligations, and unite with our worthy C. in seeking that wisdom which is profitable to direct.

Prayer, singing, and announcement of opening.

P. S. O. calls down.

P. S. O. Let us now address ourselves to the despatch of business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reception of Credentials.
2. Appointment of Com. on Credentials.
3. Reading of Record.
4. Reception of Report of Com. on Credentials.
5. Initiation of Delegates.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Reports of Prov. S. O., Sec. and T.
8. Business on the Record.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Closing Ceremonies.

CLOSING CEREMONY.

P. S. O. calls up.

P. S. O. Prov. Worthy Brothers, the business for the despatch of which we have convened, has been transacted, and we are now about to return to our respective residences. Let kindly feelings and paternal sympathies always pervade our bosoms, and let christian conduct ever characterize our lives. Let us assiduously devote ourselves to the advancement of the noble cause which we have espoused.

As our respective Clubs have elevated us to the position which we occupy, let us prove ourselves worthy of their confidence and endeavor to stimulate them to perseverance and fidelity to the common cause, that our example may be worthy of imitation, and that nothing may disqualify us for a place in our endless

chain of Brotherhood, and may the Spirit of all Grace fit us to join the circle of the Redeemed around the throne throughout the endless ages of Eternity.

Prayer and Singing.

P. S. O. I now declare Prov. Club duly closed. Let us never forget that the eye of an omniscient God is always upon us, and may we ever remember our solemn obligations and be faithful to the end.

ABRIDGED FORM OF CLOSING CEREMONY.

P. S. O. Prov. Brothers, we are called by necessity to desist for a season from the transaction of our regular business. Be punctual and be ready to resume your labors at the appointed hour. It is now——o'clock. I declare Prov. Club adjourned till ——

INITIATION.

P. S. O. Bro. M. are there any candidates in readiness for initiation.

P. M. I will ascertain and report.

The M. having retired to the Ante-room, and received the names of candidates and of the clubs they represent shall return and report to the chair.

P. S. O. shall direct the chairman of the Com. on credentials to ascertain if the M's report agrees with the report of Com. and if he receive an answer in the affirmative, he shall immediately proceed with the initiation.

P. S. O. Let all ordinary business be suspended and let perfect order and decorum be observed.

Bro. M. you will please retire, instruct the candidates how to proceed, and introduce them.

P.' S. O. Bro. S., Let the signal (2 raps) be given. Prov. M. gives the entering signal (1 rap).

Prov. S. opens the door, and receives candidates with the salutation, "Welcome to the Worthy."

P. S. O. calls up.

All join in singing, while the M. conducts the candi-

dates once round the hall, and arranges them in front of the Chair, after which let all stand for a short time in profound silence.

P. S. O. Accepted Delegates, by your appearance, you profess your readiness to lend a helping hand in the discharge of our arduous duties. Are you willing to assume our solemn obligations?

Ans.—We are willing.

PLEDGE.—Do you in the presence of these witnesses, solemnly promise Fidelity to the principles of Temperance, Humanity and progress, and conformity to the Rules and Usages of this Prov. Club?—do you further promise that you will strive earnestly to discharge your duties to your constituents, in subordination to the interests of this order?

Ans.—We so promise.

P. S. O. calls down.

Brothers, you are now of our number; I welcome you as members of Prov. Club, and confide to your fidelity its important interests.

Prov. M. will now introduce you to Prov. C. for his instruction and for incorporation with our number.

P. M. Prov. Chaplain, these Bros. have assumed our obligations, and are respectfully referred to you for final instructions.

P. C. Prov. Bros, let us lengthen our endless chain by incorporating our newly made brothers, as additional links.

P. S. O. calls up.

[The endless chain of Brotherhood is formed—the *P. C.* in the centre facing the new made members.]

P. C. Brothers, you are now one with us. As we have a community of interest, may we exhibit unity of action. Remember the solemn obligations which you have assumed, and the important duties which you have engaged to perform. Remember also that myriads of our fellow-beings annually sink into the drunkard's

grave, victims of the Liquor Traffic. It is our duty, not only as Christians, but also as citizens, to endeavor to rescue a portion of these from such an awful doom. Let us combine our efforts that they may be more efficient. Let us not rest satisfied until we obtain complete prohibition of the fearful Traffic. Let us never forget that success ultimately awaits us. Our cause is the cause of truth, and right, and therefore, it must eventually triumph. Greater is he that is for us, than all they who are against us. May our God bless and prosper our efforts and may His Spirit direct and guide us in all our deliberations.

P. S. O. Brothers, I congratulate you upon your accession to our ranks. I will now give you the Password for the current year.

(Gives it in a low whisper.)

Here each will exchange the Watchmen's grip, with the new made brothers and then be seated.

INSTALLATION.

The election and installation of Prov. Officers may take place at any time during the session, upon motion to that effect.

Previous to installation the *P. S. O.* will appoint a Marshall.

P. S. O. Bro. —, will you act as M?

Ans. I will *W. S.*

P. S. O. Worthy Prov. Officers, your term of office has expired, and your successors have been duly elected. Please vacate your seats and surrender to the *M.* your emblems of office.

Worthy officers elect, I call upon you to arrange yourselves in front of the chair, in proper order for installation; the *S. O.* on the right.

P. S. O. Officers elect by the choice of this Club, you are called upon to assume the oversight of our

beloved order. Heavy indeed are the responsibilities which you are about to assume. Weigh well their importance. Permit me briefly to specify some of the duties of your respective offices.

Bro. Prov. Sentinel. It is your duty to guard the door and see that none enter or retire, except those duly authorized. You will also perform such duties as may be required of you in the working of the Club.

Bro. Prov. Messenger. It is your duty to perform the part assigned you in the opening and initiatory services, to take charge of all the property of the Club not entrusted to others, and at the close of the session to see that all property is safely adjusted.

Bro. Prov. Sec. and Treasurer. It is your duty as Sec. to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of Prov. Club, to be in readiness to read such record when called upon by the Prov. S. O. to conduct its correspondence, and to perform any other duty which naturally pertains to your office.

It will also devolve upon you as Treasurer to take charge of all the funds, to keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements, and at each meeting of Prov. Club to present a written report of the state of finances.

Bro. Prov. Chaplain. It is your duty to attend the meetings of Prov. Club, to conduct the opening and closing solemnities, and to take an important part in the initiatory services. Strive, therefore, both by example and precept, to inculcate the principles of our organization.

Bro. Prov. Junior Observer. It is your duty to aid the P. S. O. by counsel and otherwise, and in the event of his absence or inability, to perform all the duties of his office.

Bro. Prov. Senior Observer. It is your duty to preside in the Prov. Club, and in virtue of your office you have the chief government of the order. The several ser-

vices are under your direction. The preservation of the Constitution and Bye-Laws inviolate, the institution of new Clubs, and the maintenance of order in the body politic are by no means the least important of your duties. Skill and fidelity are particularly required at your hands.

Such, brothers, is the nature of your official obligations. Consider well their importance. Be not hasty to assume responsibility; but when duty requires it be prompt to act. Presuming, therefore, that you who now stand before me are prepared for the discharge of duty, I wish your assent to the following obligation :

Prov. S. O. calls up.

Do you, the officers elect of Prov. Club, of Temperance Watchmen of Nova Scotia, solemnly promise, that to the best of your ability you will discharge the duties of your respective stations as faithful guardians of the order, and as workmen needing not to be ashamed.

Ans. We so promise.

P. S. O. calls down.

P. S. O. The Marshall will now present you with the appropriate implements of office, and with the exception of the S. O. conduct you to your stations.

M. Worthy P. S. O., the officers are stationed except the P. S. O.

P. P. S. O. calls up.

P. P. S. O. Bro. P. S. O. It is with extreme pleasure that I invest you with this badge of your office, and proclaim you S. O. of the Prov. Club of Temperance Watchmen of Nova Scotia. You are now our Prov. Chief. Prove yourself a worthy guide and a master workman. You will now at once assume the duties of your office.

The Prov. S. O. takes his station, seats the Club, and before proceeding with the regular business addresses a few words of counsel and encouragement to the members of Prov. Club.

